

HOUSE OF LORDS DISCUSSES DIVERS

Insist Stringent Measures Must
Be Taken To Avert Growing
Menace of Submarines

Lord Bessford Declares Govern-
ment Must Be Made To
Act At Once

In the house of lords on Wednesday night, November 15, Lord Bessford, Lord Sydenham, and Lord Middleton made grave speeches concerning the growing menace of the German submarines and demanded a more vigorous offensive policy against the German fleet, says the London Daily Mail. Neither Lord Crewe nor Lord Lytton, who replied for the government, attempted to minimize the importance of the German naval campaign.

The debate was opened by Lord Sydenham, who inquired when the definite declaration of policy in regard to the monstrous proceedings of German submarines, to which Lord Crewe referred on August 15, would be issued. The submarine campaign, continued Lord Sydenham, was assuming very serious dimensions, and, if it continued with full effect, Germany might emerge from the war as the chief carrying country of the world. He suggested reprisals, such as:

Seizure of German property for the value of ships sunk.

Seizure of corresponding German tonnage, and

Levying of heavy toll on German ships in all ports of the Empire for many years after the war.

New methods of dealing with submarines must be tried. Circumstances had arisen to cause widespread anxiety as to the policy of the admiralty. The great principle of naval strategy had been that the first duty of the navy was to capture or destroy the enemy's armed ships. There were some indications that the pernicious propaganda that we should adopt the defensive and save ships was influencing the minds of lords and the admiralty.

The Policy of Attack.

Lord Bessford followed with a very vigorous speech. "It was," he said, "a time for plain speaking." The government nowadays did not take action unless the force of public opinion drove them. That was so with naval policy. The blockade was not even properly effective even at the present moment.

The submarine campaign had never before reached such formidable dimensions. The public should be assured that the dominating note of naval strategy was to attack the enemy.

Turning to the submarine attacks, Lord Bessford said British merchant shipping was in grave danger and the country's supply of food and raw materials was imperiled. From the beginning of the war up to November 3 the number of vessels, other than warships, sunk by German submarines was 714 British, 314 Allied vessels, and 281 neutral, of which 100 were Norwegian. Since that date about thirty-four more had been sunk. Our sea supremacy was challenged by the submarine.

Lord Bessford outlined some suggestions for reform. The board of admiralty must be strengthened. New men were wanted there. To meet the crisis we wanted:

Young men fresh from the sea.

Every man who made a mistake in strategy or lost a ship through a mistake should be superseded.

The government should arm the merchant marine.

A great effort should be made to make up our losses and standardize the construction of merchant ships.

A new department should be created at the Admiralty to deal with submarines and an admiral straight from the sea should be placed at the head of it.

A naval man should be put on the war council.

An indemnity should be exacted from Germany for the loss of all ships illegally sunk during the war.

The blockade should be tightened by every means in our power.

Lord Crewe: No Reprisals.

Lord Crewe made a laboured reply to the demands for reprisals and indemnities for the action of German submarines, but the substance of it was that the Government declined to act.

The arming of merchant ships, he said, was being "most carefully considered by the war committee." The advent of ocean-going submarines had greatly added to the difficulty of destroying them. He would not attempt to minimize the gravity of the submarine menace. The blockade was "becoming more and more effective as months go on."

Lord Lytton, who has recently succeeded the Duke of Devonshire as the representative of the navy in the house of lords, declared emphatically that if we were deterred from attacking the enemy's forces it was not from any reluctance to take such opportunities. The grand fleet had patrolled the whole of the North Sea on many occasions without coming into contact with the German high seas fleet.

They could not regard the submarine menace as other than very serious and important, and the campaign in the future must be met by new methods—possibly by new men.

STANFORD AGREEMENT COMMITTEE APPOINTED

STANFORD UNIVERSITY, December 4—President T. E. Swigart of the Stanford student body has appointed three San Francisco alumni to confer with the University of California's committee in regard to an athletic agreement for spring sports. They are: R. W. Barrett of the class of 1904, G. N. Richardson of the class of 1909 and J. T. Nourse of the class of 1900. All are attorneys at law.

Los Angeles Boost Party Plans Line of Ships To Isles

Frank Wiggins, Head of Chamber
of Commerce Writes A. P. Tay-
lor Details of Project Will Be
Sent Here In Near Future

The organization of a regular, direct service between Los Angeles and Honolulu will be one of the results of the recent visit to Hawaii of the delegation of the Los Angeles chamber of commerce who arrived and departed on the Great Northern.

This information is contained in a personal letter received Tuesday by A. P. Taylor, secretary of the promotion committee, from Frank Wiggins, secretary of the Los Angeles chamber of commerce.

Writing under date of December 9, Mr. Wiggins said: "The last of our pilgrims returned from Honolulu yesterday, and I want to take this opportunity to thank your organization and your good staff for the many lavish courtesies extended to our party while they were there."

"They all returned with glowing accounts of the scenic features of the islands, and with wonderful and praise for the push and business enterprise of your people. The majority of them had very little conception of what the islands contained and the amount of business transacted within their borders."

"I am confident that the excursion will redound to the benefit of us all. Steps are being taken to organize a regular direct service between Los Angeles harbor and Honolulu, and it may be that at an early date we will be able to give you some definite outline of the project. In the meantime we trust that the Great Northern will give us a regular schedule. Sorry that on her last trip she was compelled to leave quite an assortment of merchandise on the wharf for lack of space."

"This one incident has aroused our citizens' interest in having a direct line with accommodations for all of our exchange merchandise."

"I want to express to you my personal thanks for what you did for President Mitchell and his immediate party, and I trust that in the near future we may be able to return the compliment."

HARBOR BOARD TO PAY REPAIR BILL

Decides To Make Good Damage
Done To Kauai Man's
Automobile

The point where "patience ceases to be a virtue" was pointed out to the board of harbor commissioners yesterday through the reading of a letter written by Frank Cox, of Kauai, to the board's agent, R. M. Lowrie, who is an accident on a slippery road some time ago smashed Cox's automobile.

Lowrie, as agent for the board, had routed Cox's car for \$30 a month. Cox, to have the use of it nights and Sundays. Lowrie met a Japanese machine on a slippery road, was crowded over the edge of a ditch and the car wrecked.

Cox has been trying ever since to get payment for the damage, but without result, and he finally wrote Lowrie, expressing his emphatic opinion of the whole matter and demanding prompt payment.

Lowrie's letter was accompanied by an opinion from the attorney general, who held that "a bailee of personal property is not responsible for damage or destruction without fault on his part."

The members of the commission, however, did not feel that Mr. Cox should be made to suffer loss on account of any legal technicality of that sort, and the chairman was instructed to get an estimate on the cost of repairing the car and pay the bill.

Oahu Polo Team To Invade Kauai New Year's Day

Coronado will not be the only spot on the globe where a big polo match will be staged on New Year's day. Oahu will send a four to Kauai to meet the team on January first. Elaborate plans are being made in the Garden Isle to receive Oahu sportsmen.

Plans are being made to stage a true shoot, as well as the polo match. Kauai will have an opportunity to retrieve its honor lost in Honolulu to the championship Oahu four during the Polo series.

The men who will make up the Oahu polo team are, Arthur Rice, Harold Castle, Harold Dillingham and probably Lieutenant Baird.

CHINESE IS ARRESTED ON
"HOP" SMOKING CHARGE

Disturbed at a peaceful smoke of "hop" in his room on Beretama Street according to the police Ah Chee, Chinese, was arrested by detectives last night. He was taken to the police station and charged with having opium in his possession. Henry Lee Chin, who it is alleged, was hanging around the opium dive, was also arrested and is held pending investigation.

JAPANESE SHIP SUNK

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.) PARIS, December 20—The Japanese steamer Taki Maru has been sunk by a submarine and only three members of a crew of thirty-five rescued.

WONDERFUL HAWAII MAGAZINE FEATURE

Collier's Weekly Devotes Two
Pages of Last Issue To
Island Pictures

Collier's for December 16, which arrived yesterday, contains a fine two-page pictorial spread headed "Wonderful Hawaii," which is a great piece of advertising for Hawaii. Collier's has a circulation of 950,000, which means that something like five million people will, through these pictures, gain a new and more vivid idea of this Territory.

A letter received by the promotion committee from Ewing Galloway, formerly a member of The Advertiser staff, now in charge of the picture department of Collier's, says that the pictures were taken chiefly by Brown & Dawson, who sent a man to Hawaii with E. M. Newman, the travel-talks man.

The pictures published include a striking view of pineapple fields, apparently taken from the foot of the pali; an excellent view of the Country Club and its surrounding mountains; two volcanic pictures; a bit of Waikiki Beach; a smaller pineapple field picture, and two rice field views.

Coincident with the arrival of Mr. Galloway's letter the promotion committee received one from E. W. Newman, the travel-talks man, who wrote that he was his second circuit, and that Hawaii was his best drawing card.

WAY CLEARED FOR NEW TOBACCO FIRM

Deeds Filed Conveying Land of
Kona Company

Further steps clearing the way for the incorporation of the South Kona Tobacco Company, the new company to be organized to take over the property of the old Kona Tobacco Company, have been taken in the recording of two deeds to south Kona land.

The deeds convey 15.74 acres of land from the Bishop Estate to the Kona Tobacco Company, which in turn transfers the land to William R. Castle, both moves being in settlement of the affairs of the old company.

The 15.74 acres of south Kona land are those on which the old concern erected its buildings and made improvements estimated at \$200,000, and which were formerly leased from the Bishop Estate. By transference from the Bishop Estate through the old company to W. R. Castle, the land with improvements is now ready for conveyance by Mr. Castle to the South Kona Tobacco Company, which is to be incorporated.

The agreement of conveyance calls for \$50,000 shares of stock of the new company in exchange for the land. Mr. Castle reports that Jared G. Smith, now at the property, reports that the land is ready for planting with all the allies and other tobacco seed in on hand, including some Cuban. Mr. Castle added that Smith's success as a grower will make it unnecessary to bring the curing expert here before next June.

HALEY EXPECTED BACK IN TOWN NEXT MONTH

John F. Haley, collector of internal revenue who is now on the mainland on leave of absence, expects to return to Honolulu on the Great Northern, arriving here January 12, according to a letter received from him yesterday. Mr. Haley has visited Reno, Motored from San Francisco down to Tinian, Mexico, and is now in San Francisco again. His health, he reports, is considerably improved.

CHEAP WINE DRIVES HUSBAND TO CRIME

Booze may add another life to its lengthy 1916 toll. Mrs. Maria Zakutskina, Russian, is lying in a cot in the Queen's Hospital, recovering from an attack upon her by her husband who was armed with a knife and who at the time of the assault was crazed by drinking cheap wine. The husband is also lying in the hospital in a critical condition. After fatally injuring his wife with a razor he attempted suicide by hacking his own body fearfully. In a statement made to Dr. R. G. Ayer, police surgeon, Zakutskina said: "If I had not been drunk, I never would have committed this awful crime." The couple's two children were removed to the Salvation Army home in Manoa Valley yesterday.

MONTANA COACH WILL HELP TRAIN "PENNSY"

BOZEMAN, Montana, December 2—Coach Fred Bennion, of the Montana State College football team, has accepted the invitation of Coach Fulwell, of the University of Pennsylvania, to assist in the coaching of his team for the game with the University of Oregon, New Year's Day, at Pasadena, California. Bennion will join the Eastern team when they pass through Salt Lake City.

FULL TEXT OF THE CHANCELLOR'S PEACE SPEECH REACHES CITY

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)

BERLIN, December 12 (wireless to Sayville)—Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg's speech is reported by the Overseas News Agency as follows:

Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg today announced to the Reichstag that Germany, together with her allies, "conscious of their responsibility before God, before their own nations, before humanity," had proposed this morning to the hostile powers to enter on peace negotiations.

Practically all the members of parliament answered the unexpected summons. The crowded house and thronged galleries listened in attentive silence when the chancellor rose for his speech.

The chancellor first outlined the extraordinary political situation, and then, insisting upon the achievements of the Central Powers, made an announcement which possibly may be the turning point in the war which for more than two years has held the world under its spell. The chancellor said:

"The reichstag had not been adjourned for a long period, but, fortunately, it was left to the discretion of the president as to the day of the next meeting. This decision was caused by the hope that soon happy events in the field would be recorded, a hope fulfilled almost, almost, almost. I shall be brief, for actions speak for themselves."

The chancellor said Rumania had entered the war in order to roll up the German positions in the east and those of Germany's allies. At the same time the grand offensive on the Somme had as its object to pierce the German western front, and the renewed Italian attacks were intended to paralyze Austria-Hungary.

Doctor Hollweg continued: But with God's help our troops shaped conditions so as to give us security which not only is complete, but still more so than ever before. The western front stands. Not only does it stand, but despite the Rumanian campaign it is fitted out with larger reserves of men and material than it had been formerly.

"The most effective precautions have been taken against all Italian diversions. And while on the Somme and on the Carso the drum fire raged, while the Russians launched troops against the eastern frontier of Transylvania, Field Marshal von Hindenburg captured the whole of western Wallachia and the hostile capital of Bucharest, leading with unparalleled genius the troops that in competition with all the allies made possible what hitherto was considered impossible."

"And Hindenburg does not rest. Military operations progress. By strokes of the sword at the same time firm foundations for our economic needs have been laid. Great stocks of grain, victuals, oil and other goods fell into our hands in Rumania. Their transport has begun. In spite of scarcity, we could have lived on our own supplies, but now our safety is beyond question."

"To these great events on land, heroic deeds of equal importance are added by our submarines. The specter of famine, which our enemies had tended to appear before us, now disappears."

HILL LINE MAY EXTEND SCHEDULE

Officials of Great Northern At
Hilo Favor Permanent Run;
Many Notables Aboard

(Special to The Advertiser by Mutual Wireless)

HILO, December 21—Officials of the Great Northern Pacific Steamship Company, who arrived in Hilo on the steamer Great Northern this morning, are so pleased over the growth of business between California ports and Honolulu that they are hopeful of the Great Northern's schedule being continued through the year.

G. A. Jackson, general manager of the company, who, with Mrs. Jackson, is making his first voyage to Hawaii, is enthusiastic over the trip. Mr. Jackson said: "I am hoping that the splendid business which has developed between California and Hawaii will continue. If it does, I am confident that the schedule of the Great Northern's trips, which now ends in May, will be extended as long as the business warrants it."

J. N. Koepfel, who represents the company at Los Angeles, who is aboard the steamer with Mrs. Koepfel, said: "I am sure that the Great Northern will be kept on a permanent run, making a trip to Hawaii every twenty days throughout the year."

The Great Northern has 342 passengers, a full despatch of cargo, and Christmas mail.

Many notables prominent on the mainland and also prominent homecomers to Hawaii, are aboard the liner. James W. Corrigan, well known clubman of New York City, is bringing his bride to Honolulu on his honeymoon. The couple was the center of much merriment on board and kept up to the name created for the Great Northern on her maiden voyage, when she was christened "the Honeymoon Ship."

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Frynauer, of Los Angeles, are passengers for the Angel City. Mr. Frynauer is proprietor of the Hayward Hotel, one of the largest in southern California.

Rev. and Mrs. James Townsend, of New York City, accompanied by their children and maid, will tour Oahu.

Among the kamaeians returning are Col. Z. B. Spalding, of Kauai; Col. J. W. Jones, N. G. H.; Mr. and Mrs. George F. Beckley.

Miss Doris Luchmann, who has been engaged to teach at the St. Andrew's primary, Honolulu, is a passenger.

uses them without mercy. When, after the termination of the first year of the war, the emperor addressed the nation in a public appeal, he said: "Having witnessed such great events, my heart was filled with awe and determination." "Neither our emperor nor our nation ever changed their minds in this respect. Neither have they now. The genius and heroic acts of our leaders have fashioned these facts as firm as iron. If the enemy counted upon the weariness of his enemy, then he was deceived."

"The Reichstag, by means of the national auxiliary war service law, helped to build a new offensive and defensive bulwark in the midst of the great struggle. Behind the fighting army stands the nation at work—the gigantic force of the nation working to the common aim."

"The empire is not a besieged fortress, as our adversaries imagine, but one gigantic and firmly disciplined camp with inexhaustible resources. That is the German empire which is firmly and faithfully united with its brothers in arms, who have been tested in battle under the Austro-Hungarian, Turkish and Bulgarian flags."

"Not confused by asseverations, we progressed with firm decision and we thus continue our progress, always ready to defend ourselves and fight for our nation's existence, for its free future and always ready to stretch out our hand for peace."

"Our strength has not made our ear deaf to our responsibility before God before our own nation and before humanity. The declarations formerly made by us concerning our readiness for peace were evaded by our adversaries. Now we have advanced one step further in this direction."

"On August 1, 1914, the Emperor had personally to take the bravest decision which ever fell to the lot of a German—the order for mobilization, which he was compelled to give as a result of the Russian mobilization."

"During these long and earnest years of the war the Emperor has been moved by a single thought: How peace could be restored to safeguard Germany after this struggle in which she has fought victoriously."

"Nobody can testify better to this than I, who bear the responsibility for actions of the government."

"In a deep moral and religious sense of duty towards this nation and beyond it, toward humanity, the Emperor now considers that the moment has come for official action towards peace."

"His majesty, therefore, in complete harmony and in common with our allies, decided to propose to the hostile powers to enter into peace negotiations."

"This morning I transmitted a note to this effect to all the hostile powers, through the representatives of those powers which are watching over our interests and rights in the hostile states. I asked the representatives of Spain, the United States and Switzerland to forward that note."

"The same procedure has been adopted today in Vienna, Constantinople and Sofia. Other neutral states and his holiness the pope have been similarly informed."

Judge Ashford's Hat Is Still In the Ring

Judge Clarence W. Ashford, judge of the circuit court, has not given up the fight to be appointed justice of the supreme court, notwithstanding the refusal of the bar association to endorse him for the position.

Judge Ashford is quoted as saying that he is "very sore" over the action of the bar association, and that he is "still in the fight."

It is reported that he has sought the aid of the Democratic central committee in his fight for the position, and that at least some of the members of that organization have expressed great indignation over the endorsement given by the bar association to a "militant." The bar association gave its backing to Attorney General Staiback.

SEEKS BROTHER HERE

County Clerk David Kalanika, yesterday received a letter from Georgia Littlefield of Wellesley College, Massachusetts, asking the whereabouts of her brother, Herbert M. Littlefield, who has been missing since June, 1911. He is described as being thirty-two years old, six feet tall, weighing 100 pounds and with brown eyes and hair. He was last heard from in Honolulu.

Nerves All On Edge?



Just as nerve wear is a cause of kidney weakness, so is kidney trouble a cause of nervousness. Any one who has a combination of backache, nervousness, "blues," headache, dizzy spells, urinary ill and a tired, worn feeling, would do well to try Doan's Backache Kidney Pills. This safe, reliable remedy acts directly on the kidneys. It is recommended by thousands of people who have had relief from just such troubles. "When Your Back is Lame—Remember the Name." Don't simply ask for kidney remedy—ask distinctly for Doan's Backache Kidney Pills and take no other. Doan's Backache Kidney Pills are sold by all druggists and storekeepers at 50c a box, (six boxes \$2.50) or will be mailed on receipt of price by the Hollister Drug Co., or Benson, Smith & Co., agents for the Hawaiian Islands.

SCHOOL CHILDREN SEND GREETINGS

Pupils of Hookena, South Kona,
Use Columns of Mite To
Convey Season Wishes

The last issue of the Hookena Mite, published by the Hookena School, South Kona, Hawaii, was turned out on December 14 and is replete with West Hawaii news. The following is from this number:

Miss B. B. Taylor was at our school on Tuesday, December 12.

Mr. Akana, an old resident of Kailua, returned from Kau last week.

Miss Maggie Hooper, who visited her sister in Hilo, returned to Kona on Tuesday, December 5.

Mr. Kaubara returned from Hoopulu on Wednesday, December 6. He has been there for several months, building houses.

Miss Rosa Kahana was one of the passengers on Gasper's machine that left Kona for Kau on Wednesday, December 7.

Mrs. Kimura, Mr. Among, Mr. Ah Sing and Mr. Seji were some of the passengers that left Kona for Honolulu.

Mr. and Mrs. George Wainale of Honouliuli left Kona for Honolulu on December 9. They will return after Christmas.

Sheriff Pua arrived from Kailua on Saturday, December 9. He returned to Hilo on Sunday, December 10.

By Room II

Miss Maggie Hooper will leave for Hilo on December 16.

Master Isaac Kailiwha, one of our pupils, will leave here for Honolulu, on December 17.

Julian Yates, our supervisor, returned from Hilo on Sunday, December 10.

The fifth and sixth grades of our school started their term examinations on December 7.

Miss B. B. Taylor, our supervising principal, passed our way for Kau on December 12.

It is rumored that the Kona Tobacco Company will start work on January 8. Joseph Manuau is now looking for men.

Among the passengers who took the Mauna Loa from Hookena on December 6 were Mr. and Mrs. Leone Manuau, with their children.

By Room III

Judge C. K. Quinn of East Hawaii, arrived last Tuesday in Kona. He was the guest of Miss Maggie Hooper of Kailua.

Master Thomas Wright, one of our former schoolmates, is now practicing how to drive a machine. So far he is good at the wheel.

Nonah Nahu, one of our former schoolmates who has been attending the Kaunakakai School in Honolulu, arrived yesterday on the Mauna Loa.

Some of the Japanese children went to Honouliuli yesterday to have their names registered as American citizens because they were born in Hawaii.

Our schoolmates who are attending the Hilo Boarding School are expected to return tomorrow, to spend their Christmas vacation in Kona. They are Thomas N. Haue Jr., Samuel Haue, and Ah Ling Akimae.

We appreciate very highly the interest that has been shown to our paper by its readers and also by the Midget and The Advertiser.

As the government schools are to close on Friday, for a vacation of two weeks, this is the last issue of our paper for this year.

We take this opportunity of thanking them all, and wishing each a Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year.

SCHOOL JANITORS CAUSE WARM DEBATE IN HILO

HILO, December 13—There was a hot discussion in the board of supervisors last week over the appointment of a janitor to look after the public school at Papihikou at a salary of fifteen dollars a month. Supervisor Yates opposed the appointment on the ground that every little country schoolhouse in the county would now want a janitor with a salary and that the precedent established would mean a great additional expense.

"Why, such service is liable to cost the county \$50,000 a year," declared Yates.

Supervisor Cabrera, who suggested the appointment, explained that the Papihikou school was a large one with about 350 pupils and that it was not right to expect the pupils to look after such a large school, the children being there to study and not to work. The resolution for the appointment of a janitor carried.

Another janitor appointed was J. N. Santos to the Hilo Union School, at a salary of forty-five dollars a month with his son as assistant at fifteen dollars a month. Chairman Kaubara was authorized to make the appointment.

Japanese Sending Millions Home

The amount of money sent to Japan by Japanese residents in Hawaii, the United States and Canada, through post offices during the past ten months ending last October 31 totalled more than three million and a quarter dollars, according to a report of the department of communications of Japan which was issued recently. The total amount is \$3,275,000 of which \$255,000 was sent from Hawaii, \$750,000 from Canada and the rest the mainland of the United States.

BIG TUNA CANNING COMPANY SENDS OUT PROSPECTUSES

Hundreds of copies of the prospectus of the recently organized Mid-Pacific Tuna Canning Company have been sent to all parts of the Islands by the mail back of the concern. The prospectus has just been issued, and has been tested at every point for accuracy by A. R. Todd, the fisheries expert, A. Hoeking, Fred Harrison and Marry E. Hoeking, who are back of the company.

"We are sincerely anxious to get Island men and Island capital interested in the company," said Mr. Todd yesterday, "because we have the greatest confidence in the proposition, and also because we believe that local interest would be of great value to us in the future. In short we are not anxious to pose before the world of Hawaii as an alien corporation, with only a commercial interest in Hawaii."

William Gordon, foreman for one of the big Alaska salmon packing plants of the Northwestern Fisheries Company, and who is spending his winter in Hawaii, where he has friends in discussing the fishing situation here yesterday, declared that in his opinion Hawaii will run Alaska hard in the amount of the pack that can be obtained from these waters, and that the tuna is now bringing better prices on the mainland than sockeye salmon.

"And there's money in the game," declared Mr. Gordon, who has been in it for years, and who says that he wants to get "in on" the Mid-Pacific Cannery's proposition for as much as he can. "Some years ago a couple of friends of mine, brothers, with about \$25,000 between them started a little cannery plant. The plant was finished in August and in November they divided \$70,000 as the profits net for their season's pack."

Attorney Rotts, counsel for the cannery company, who is now on the Coast in the interest of the company, wired to A. R. Todd yesterday announcing that the demand for shares in the new company is "flattering." Rotts expects to be on the mainland for a couple of weeks.